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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Two boys were drowned at Knoxville, Tenn., while skating. —— The Illinois Central is to be double-tracked from Memphis to Fulton, Ky. —— F. J. Gould has bought control of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company of Richmond. —— The Suffolk and Carolina Railroad Company has declared a stock dividend of 100 per cent. —— Justice Shiras of the U. S. Supreme Court will retire some time during this Winter. —— President Castro's reply to the allies' proposal to arbitrate has not been received in Washington. —— A lone robber attempted to hold up a train on the L. & N. railroad, but was driven off after robbing two men. —— The Sultan of Morocco is shut up in Fez by the rebels, who have cut off the water supply. —— A marked decrease in the disease believed to be bubonic plague at Mazatlan, Mexico, is reported. —— Fire at Battle Creek, Mich., destroyed the Review and Herald Publishing Company's building; loss $350,000. —— Miss Stella Ewing, one of the famous ossified women, of Rome, N. Y., died yesterday. —— The coal strike commission will meet in Philadelphia next Tuesday. —— S. J. Dickens commited suicide at Fernandina, Fla., by taking morphine. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call firm at 3@4 per cent., closing at 3@4 per cent.; cotton quiet at 8.90c; flour dull but steadily held; wheat—spot dull; No 2 red 80¼c; corn—spot easy; No. 2, 59¼c; rosin firm; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 30.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 40 degrees; 8 P. M., 53 degrees; maximum, 49 degrees; minimum, 49 degrees; mean, 54 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, T.; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 3.26.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—For North Carolina: Fair Wednesday; Thursday rain; fresh north to east winds.

Port Almanac---December 31.

Sun Rises	7.11 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.55 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 29 M.
High Water at Southport	9.00 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	11.30 P. M.

Mascagni, the Italian composer, has lost $10,000 on his American tour. He has also lost a good deal of his composure.

Don't swear, but if you do swear off with the coming year from any of your vicious or costly habits, stick to the swear.

It is reported that Cornelius Vanderbilt will recover from his typhoid fever and complications. We are glad of it, for he is the best of the bunch.

The Uganda railroad in Africa, 584 miles long, from Mombassa on the coast the Port Florence on Lake Victoria cost $27,756,000, $3,000,000 more than the estimates.

When they have elections in Honduras they can't be accused of apathy. At the last election there were 30,000 more votes cast than there were people in the country.

The Italian Ambassador at Washington says looking in a mirror cured him of seasickness. After looking in a mirror most sea sick people if good sick would feel like pitching themselves overboard.

Dr. Lorenz says Americans eat too much, by which he probably meant that they eat too much in a given time, eat too fast, although as a rule they do not get outside of four meals and lunches a day as he does.

Mr. W. L. Elkins, of Philadelphia took a long stride as a royal philanthropist, by donating $500,000 as a Christmas gift to the Masonic Orphanage for Girls in that city. That was a piece of good Masonry work.

Guam is reported to be on the verge of bankruptcy, and yet the people of Guam have within the past year spent over $500 in soap, and are going to buy 6,000 pounds more. What could be expected with such extravagance?

Marble is not a flexible stone, but there is a marble slab erected over a grave in a cemetery near Washington, D. C., erected in 1850, which shows a bend of over three inches. The slab is seventy inches long, thirty-five wide and two inches thick.

Mascagni says he is disgusted with this country. We don't wonder. The rows of stumps he has encountered since he has been here are calculated to give him a pretty big disgust. But then, maybe some other people are as much disgusted with him as he is with the country.

CITY ELECTION RUMORS ARE NOW AFLOAT.

Brought About No Doubt by the Approaching General Assembly—Aldermen May Elect the Mayor.

The Legislature will assemble in Raleigh next week, and, of course, there is the usual talk afloat about the passage of certain bills. One rumor of considerable public interest is relative to an election of Mayor by the Board of Aldermen, as some years ago, instead of directly by the people. Whether or not this is idle gossip, the agitation of disturbers or good sound doctrine remains to be seen. However, it is well to know how the wind is blowing and just how hard it may blow.

The city election this year will be held over a month later than heretofore, and consequently the present city administration will have over a two years' term. Instead of being held in March, the election, to use the language of the law, will be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May. This will make it occur Tuesday, May 5th, and that day the polls will be open from 8 o'clock in the morning until sunset.

The idea of the Legislature in changing the date of the election in Wilmington was in order to make a uniformity of the time of elections throughout the State.

NO HARD COAL AT ALL.

None for Sale in Wilmington and None Will be This Season.

While the weather is at such a pleasant temperature, though it may momentarily turn cold, it will not cause many shivers to state that there is no hard coal in the city, that is for sale. None of the coal dealers have even so much as a lump, unless it is in a glass case for a souvenir, and there is no prospects of getting any this season. So much for the strike. However, there is plenty of Tennessee and bituminous coal and coke, but this is much higher per ton than last year. So much again for the strike.

The Coal, Cement and Supply Company has some hard coal, but it is not for sale to the public. It is virtually sold already, as the company has a contract with the city to be lived up to.

LOCAL DOTS.

— An impromptu german has been arranged for Friday night.

— The Dorcas Society will meet to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at Luther Memorial Hall.

— A boy who is experienced in feeding job presses may secure employment by immediate application at the STAR office.

— First Church of Christ, Scientist, Murchison bank building on Chesnut street. Services this evening at 8 o'clock. All are invited.

— A competent and experienced feeder for Job Presses can secure employment by immediate application at the STAR office. Liberal wages paid.

— The only liquor applications the Board of County Commissioners will have to act upon this afternoon, outside of those sent over by the Aldermen, will be two to conduct saloons at Wrightsville.

— The tug *Alexander Jones* reached New York yesterday with her tow, the schooner *Rebecca R. Douglass*. She left Southport with the tow last Saturday and made the trip successfully in eighty hours.

— A lemon grown in the open air on the premises of Mr. W. J. Kirkham, of this city, and fully matured, weighed one pound and nine ounces. The horse editor saw it yesterday and he knows now that we are living in a semi-tropical climate.

— The Chamber of Commerce executive committee met yesterday, but transacted nothing for public mention. There were present President James H. Chadbourn and Committeemen S P. McNair, G. J. Boney, L. B. Rogers, I M. Bear and W. E. Worth.

— Notwithstanding the bad blood, or clotted gore, that is manufactured by the Raleigh morning papers, and the hot shot fired at each other from their twelve-inch squirt guns, loaded with ink, they do say that when the editors meet on the streets one of 'em says: "How are you, Bob?" and the other says: "How are you, Josephus?"

Wedded in Greensboro.

A special to the *News and Observer* from Greensboro says: "Mr. E. K Walker, of Martinsville, Virginia, now with the Coast Line, of Wilmington, N. C., was married in the Benbow Hotel here to-night to Miss Mary Sue Lewis, of Madison, N. C., Dr. L. W. Crawford officiating. The couple arrived on the Reidsville train, and will leave for Wilmington to-morrow."

— Editor Johnson, of the Clarkton *Express*, was a welcome caller at the STAR office yesterday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Bananas.
A. C. L. R. R Co.—Dividend notice.
Academy of Music—Peck's Bad Boy.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Log scaler.
Wanted—Stenographer.
Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Welsbach drop lights.

XMAS FESTIVITIES.

Three Festive Tree Celebrations Were Held Last Night and Greatly Enjoyed.

TWO BEAUTIFUL CANTATAS.

Grace Church's Sunday School Held Their Tree at the City Hall — Brooklyn Baptist and St. Andrew's at the Church Buildings.

Three Christmas tree celebrations were held last night and each thoroughly enjoyed.

The Sunday school of Grace M. E. church held their annual Yuletide event at the City Hall and it was attended by four or five hundred little people. There were no exercises, but the affair was none the less pleasurable. The large tree, loaded down with toys and small sacks of nuts and candies, was erected at the south end of the hall. It was also lit up by hundreds of colored candles and gaily dressed with glittering tinsels.

At the bidding of the superintendent of the school, Mr. W. B. Cooper, the children gathered around the festive tree and received their gifts.

ST. ANDREW'S ENTERTAINMENT.

The Christmas entertainment given by the Sunday school of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church was of a most beautiful and interesting character. Previous to the tree celebration a lovely cantata was presented by the children, entitled "The Defense of Santa Claues and His Friends." It was most admirably rendered and evoked high praise from a large audience of grown folks. The costumes were particularly beautiful, and the cast of this bright little Christmas play was as follows:

Prince Charming — Willie VonGlahn.

Princess Charming, the Queen of the Fairies—Katie Murphy.

Princess—Eliza Morton.

Fairies—Katie VonGlahn, Hazel King, Bessie Sasser, Margaret Heinsberger, Branch Underwood and Alice Behrends.

Brownies—Richard Warren, Jr., Jas. Applewhite, Charlie Hudson and Gordon Paddison.

Santa Claus—Mr. Wallace West.

Opening chorus, "Waiting for Santa Claus" by Bertha Wiggs, ("Big Girl"); Jos. Wade ("Big Boy"); Charles Horne and Harry Farmer ("Little Boys"); Hazel Miller and Mamie Applewhite, ("Little Girls").

Miss Pocahontas Britt, director and organist.

After the cantata Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of the church, in behalf of the Sunday school, presented Mr. Jas. Holt with a very handsome walking cane, as he had attended Sunday school regular for the past four years without missing a Sunday. Dr. McClure also presented the superintendent, Mr. W. H. Sprunt, with a very handsome chair for his faithfulness towards the Sunday school.

A collection was taken up for the sexton, James Johnson, who for the past twenty-five years has been sexton of the church.

The finale of the entertainment was the presentation of gifts to the children from the tree.

ANOTHER SPLENDID CANTATA.

"An Old Time Christmas Party" was the title of the merry play presented by the children of the Brooklyn Baptist church, assisted by some of the talented older ones. The cantata was beautiful in its teachings and was well presented. The entrance of Santa Claus upon the scene was decidedly novel and caused lots of fun. The old man descended a large chimney, in plain view of the audience, and, with pack on his back, emerged from a large fireplace. This gave vent to much merriment.

Mr. C. C. Rice well acted the role of Old Santa, while Mrs. N. A. Mulford cleverly played the grandmother. The other principal characters were excellently portrayed by Mrs. J. W. Baskin, as the aunt; Mr. Marsden Smith, as the uncle; and Miss Ethel Holmes, as the daughter.

The church was crowded with people, and all enjoyed the occasion. The exercises were opened with impressive religious services conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. J. L. Vipperman. The presents received by the children tickled them immensely and each went home to bed to dream about the merry Christmas of 1902.

The entire entertainment was successfully managed by the Sunday school superintendent, Mr. J. H. McDougall. The committee who had charge of the delightful entertainment was composed of Mr. C. C. Rice and Mesdames J. C. Gore, J. L. Vipperman and J. H. Holmes.

Atlantic Hotel Sold.

The *News and Observer* of yesterday announced that the Atlantic Hotel at Morehead City has been sold to the A. & N. C. Railroad Company, the purchase price having been $14,000. One thousand cash and the remainder in thirteen annual instalments of $1000 each.

House Burned Down.

Yesterday morning shortly past 9 o'clock a one story frame dwelling house, on Eleventh street, between Orange and Ann was destroyed by fire. The house was owned and occupied by Polly Hawes, colored. Her loss is covered fully by insurance.

I will make sittings until Saturday, January 3rd. Will be open New Year's day. Paul M. Taylor.

CONTRACT CLOSED FOR PIGEON EXHIBIT.

Poultry Association Yesterday Made This Important Deal—Show This Year Will be a Record-Breaker.

Yesterday morning the Wilmington Poultry Association closed a contract with a well known South Carolina poultry raiser for the big exhibition of pigeons referred to in the STAR yesterday. So now the pigeon exhibit is an assured fact for the show next week and it was the only thing needed to make the show complete in every respect. This pigeon display will be the finest ever made in North Carolina and will consist of the rarest and most beautiful species of the bird.

To-morrow the spacious upstairs of the city hall, where the show will be held as last year, will be fitted up with the necessary coops, of which the association has a sufficiency and all of the very latest design. The finishing touches will then be made and everything will be ready in ample time for the opening next Tuesday, and to continue four days.

The show this year will far exceed that of last year, which was a big success. The exhibits will be larger and better, including rabbits, hares, pheasants, geese, pigeons, every known variety of chickens, etc.

Flaring posters, proclaiming the time and other particulars of the show, are now being placed about the city.

ELKS' MINSTREL SHOW.

Big Benefit Performance Will Probably be Given in All its Glory Shortly.

A movement is now on foot to give a big benefit minstrel performance for the Elks, probably some time during February. The performance will be given under the direction of the Hollowbush Orchestra, and will be staged with all necessary minstrel costumes and appointments, which the orchestra possesses.

A burn cork performance of this kind should be a big drawing card, especially as A1 talent can be found among the ranks of the local Elks. The first part, or "grand opening," as some term it, will be given with really great magnificence, and will include all our best singers. The olio will present Wilmington's finest Elk vaudeville celebrities, and the orchestra, decked out in bright and attractive regalia, will play for the entire performance.

PLENTY OF FUN FOR ALL.

Matinee and Night Performances at the Academy Saturday at Small Prices.

To mention Peck's Bad Boy to a boy is the next best thing to telling him that a circus is coming to town. You will all, whether young or not, have the opportunity of seeing that frolicsome youth disporting himself and making life a burden for all who come in contact with him. He will illustrate new inventions in practical jokes and amuse and entertain you all in many ways too numerous to mention. His girl, his Pa, his Ma, and Schultz the Grocer and Duffy the Policeman, and a lot of other folks are coming with him, and will entertain Wilmington "kids" at special matinee Saturday afternoon, and Saturday night another performance will be given. The matinee prices will be exceedingly low, 10 and 25 cents, and at night another "cut" will be made, the prices being 10 to 50 cents.

Seats for the night's performance will be on sale at Plummer's Friday morning.

MLLE. ZELIE DE LUSSAN.

Something About This Singer Who Will Give a Recital Here January 10th.

It would be a distant addition to the literature of the day if Mlle. Zelie de Lussan could be persuaded to lecture about her views of a woman's proper sphere. It is, she asserts with pretty authority, to shine in the home, to be a conservatory of beautiful flowers, giving forth exquisite fragrance of thought and act to her husband and children. When a woman goes into business competition with a man she loses her domestic finish, as it were, and is apt to become shrewd, calculating and devoid of sentiment. The professional woman, that is the actress or the singer, should not be married; matrimony ties her down; it causes petty, tiresome and dangerous jealousies, and as the woman usually advances higher than the man it makes the latter lose his self-respect.

Xmas Entertainment To-morrow.

The annual Christmas entertainment of South Side Baptist Sunday school will take place to-morrow night at 8 o'clock. There will be several novel featurs. The collection will be for the Yates Memorial Missionaries to China. All will be welcomed. Those who are to take part in the entertainment are requested to attend a final rehearsal at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Coast Line Dividend Declared.

The directors of the Atlantic Coast Line have declared a dividend of two and one half per cent on the common capital stock of the company. Mr. James F. Post, treasurer, gives official notice that the dividend will be due and payable at the Coast Line office in this city on and after Saturday January 10th.

I have sold my studio, and will not make any sittings here after January 3rd. Will be open New Year's day, Paul M. Taylor.

CHRISTMAS GERMAN.

Annual Holiday Event in the Masonic Temple Last Night by L'Arioso Club.

A DELIGHTFUL FUNCTION.

Number of Dancers Was Very Large, Including Many Visitors — Favors Unique and Costly---Decorations Elaborate and Very Fitting.

The annual holiday favor german by L'Arioso Club last night in the Masonic Temple may well be said, without exaggeration, to have been the greatest success of any similar function in the history of the popular organization which gave it. Both in point of brilliancy of environment and number of couples participating in the pleasures of the occasion, the dance was probably without a parallel in several seasons. The music, of course, was by Hollowbush's Orchestra and the decorations were charming and befitting the holiday season. Smilax, holly and other evergreens entered into a lovely combination and on the south wall of the spacious ball room were the letters, "L'A. G. C. 1902," in a very pretty execution. The favors were unique, costly and necessarily very many. They consisted of paper muffs, boas, parasols, wands, candy cigars, tambourines, pipes, candelabra, horns, and other reminders of the the Christmas tide.

The dance was very delightfully led by Mr. Clayton Giles, Jr. Among those present and dancing were the following:

Miss Elliott Emerson, Mr. Clayton Giles, Jr.; Miss Moore, of Indiana, Mr. J. H. Bunting; Mr. and Mr. W. A. Dick; Miss Jeannie Peck, Mr. C. McD. Davis; Miss Lillie Gilchrist, Mr. Marsden Bellamy, Jr.; Miss May Ella Rankin, Mr. H. B. Peschau; Miss Isabelle Rountree, Mr. A. S. Williams; Miss Dozier, of Columbus, Ga., Mr. T. A. Baxter; Miss Louise Bellamy, Mr. R. H. Gwaltney; Miss Anna Peck, Mr. T. W. Davis; Miss Mary Borden, Mr. Harry Latimer; Miss Mary Allan Short, Mr. T. H. Wright; Miss Lucy Latham, Mr. R. N. Nash; Mr. and Mrs. G. Herbert Smith; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bidgood; Mr. and Mrs. J. Victor Grainger; Miss Bessie Gibson, Mr. A. P. Adrian; Mrs. B. M. Chiswell, of New York; Mr. Jack Bellamy, Miss Sue McQueen; Mr. T. B. Willard; Miss Jane Meares, Mr. E. M. Beery; Miss Alice Boatwright, Mr. S. M. Boatwright; Miss Lucile Murchison, Mr. Richard Bradley; Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Rankin, Jr.; Miss Bettie DeRosset, Mr. F. W. Dick; Miss Anne Moreland, of Charleston, Mr. Andrew Moreland; Miss Caroline Moreland, of Charleston, Mrs. Andrew Moreland; Miss Annette Lewis, of New York, Mr. F. Hopkinson Smith; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Holt; Miss Elizabeth Payne, Mr. W. C. Crow; Miss Leonora Cantwell, Mr. A. S. Bayles; Miss Bessie Burruss, Mr. W. J. Bellamy; Miss Julia Parsley; Mr. R. A. Parsley; Miss Octavia Boatwright, Mr. E. A. Metts; Miss Mary Treat Peck, Mr. J. M. Stevenson; Miss Olive Armstrong, Mr. Joe Armstrong; Miss Beulah Armstrong, Mr. W. McKoy Bellamy; Miss Bessie Gore, Mr. Willie Emerson; Mrs. M. F. H. Gouverneur, Dr. Pride J. Thomas; Capt. and Mrs. E. W. VanC. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Williamson; Mr. and Mrs Donald MacRae; Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Fletcher; Miss Laura Clark, Mr. Robert Calder; Miss Janie Williams, Mr. Milton Calder; Miss Marie Peschau, Mr. J. L. Kerr; Miss Nellie Emerson, Mr. Henry Clark Bridgers, of Tarboro; Miss Madeline DeRosset, Mr. John Giles; Miss Neppie Borden, Mr. Reston Stevenson; Miss Meta LeGrande, Mr. George Catlett; Miss Eliza Metts, Mr. Thos. D. Meares, Jr.

Stags—Dr. L. H. Love, Mr. Alman Elliott, Mr. Geo. G. Thomas, Jr., Mr. W. M. Atkinson, Mr. Victor T. Boatwright, of Portrmouth; Mr. Preston Cumming, Jr., Mr. Geo. L. Peschau.

The chaperones were Mrs. Jno. D. Bellamy, Mrs. George Rountree, Mrs. Clayton Giles, Mrs. W. A. Dick, Mrs. E. W. VanCourt Lucas.

Bishop is Not Lonely.

Charlotte *Observer*: Arthur L. Bishop, who killed Tom Wilson, is not allowed to be lonely in the county jail. He was a travelling salesman and is known by most of the men on the road; and nearly every day he receives visits from his friends. He still retains his nerve and seems confident as to the outcome of his trial in February.

Wilmington Ahead.

Mr. Alexander Webb, vice president of the North Carolina Home Insurance Company, says that December has been the worst month in the year for fires. He also says Raleigh pays in premiums $38,000 per year, Asheville $75,000, Charlotte $100,000 and Wilmington $107,000.

Steamer City of Fayetteville.

A telegram is reported to have been received yesterday afternoon, stating that the steamer *City of Fayetteville* had just proceeded in tow from Charleston to Wilmington. She will probably get here, once for all, to day.

— R. G. Grady, Esq., went to Rose Hill on business yesterday.

For Asthma use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Arrangements About Completed for the New Year's Reception by the Young Men's Christian Association.

Arrangements for the open house reception at the Young Men's Christian Association New Year's day are about completed, and they are quite elaborate. The Ladies' Auxiliary has arranged splendid refreshments, which will be served to all who attend from 5 o'clock in the afternoon until 10 o'clock at night. The decorations will be in keeping with the season. There will be a good musical programme, and in addition to this there will be a match game of basket ball in the gymnasium. The teams will be composed of the best players in the Association, and a fine game will be played.

The committees in charge will be composed of the following ladies:

Reception Committee—Mrs. C. C. Covington, chairman; Miss Sue Hall, Mesdames B. F. Hall, Wm. H. Sprunt, A. D. McClure, W. J. Croswell, W. J. Croswell, Jr., Roger Moore, W. H. Howell, J. H. Dreher, W. M. Cumming, J. M. Wells, J. N. Cole, C. C. Brown, C. W. Polvogt, C. O. Byerly, S. H. Burtt and J. H. Rehder, Misses Bell Anderson, Maud Kingsbury, Fannie Green, Margaret Smith, Grace Turlington, Lizzie Robinson, Mamie Clark, Addie Meares, Lena Wheeler, Jennie Bell, Sallie Bell Jackson, Davie Duffy, Louise Harlow, Lillie Gilchrist, Neppie Borden, Louise C. Reid, Miss Sloan, Alice Boatwright, Nora Angel, Sue McQueen, Annie Gause, Misses Cole, Misses Pearsall, Mesdames. Bernheim, J. F. Garrell, Jr., Adam Empie, Stewart, J. H. Mitchell, C. W. Worth, Geo. Worth, R. W. Hicks and R. B. Johnson.

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Mitt Moore, chairman; Mesdames W. W. Hodges, Blanche Fentriss, J. H. Thomas, J. J. Hopkins, Misses Hazel Love, Clara Woodward, Lucy Chadbourn, Janie Dudley, Mary Duffy, Leonora Greenabaum, Bessie Hankins, Lydia Yates, Keith Covington and the Misses Fillyaw.

DECORATION COMMITTEE.

Mrs. H. P. Clark, chairman; Mesdames Garrell, Harper, Bannerman, Dushan, Grady, Croft, Misses Eliza B. Howell, Nan Huggins, Polly Stewart, Bessie Tolar, Lilly Horne, and Lilly Everett.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend this reception, which is given as the opening social function of the New Year.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. P. W. McGowan returned to Raleigh yesterday.

— Mr. L. Stein is in Baltimore, visiting his grandfather.

— Mr. Geo. Rountree has returned from a trip to Goldsboro.

— Robert Ruark, Esq., Mr. R. E. Ward and Mr. H. C. Bear arrived last night from the South.

— Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pennington and Mrs. J. H. Hinton went to Rocky Mount yesterday.

— Miss Gertrude Bryan, of Scott's Hill, who has been visiting here, returned home yesterday to spend the remainder of the holidays before resuming her studies at the State Normal College at Greensboro,

— Dr. Jno. C. Wessell, of the A. C. L. Relief Department, with headquarters at Waycross, Ga., returned yesterday afternoon after having spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wessell.

— Captain and Mrs. Haywood Clark went to Tarboro yesterday to attend the Johnson--Nash wedding today. Miss Margaret Nash and Mr. Strudwick Nash are already in Tarboro and Mr. Robert Nash will go there this morning.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining Uncalled For in the Wilmington Postoffice, Dec. 30rd, 1902.

MEN'S LIST.

H. Armstrong, J. P. Billings, Rosmnier Bryan, W. F. Blount, Willie Brown, Jas. R. Cot, W. C. Crown, W. H. Coper, G. M. Cooper, H. Edwards, A. E Ellison, London Grainger, Tom Hodo, J. F. Hudson, W. B. Hallum, A. D. Herring, A. L. Johnson, W. F. Johnson, Thrdds King, Tom Kelly, F. P. Lemon, Stewart C. Morton, Jim Marley, Rev. J. R. McLaurin, Gilbert McDongald, C. J. McKeithan, Mr. and and Mrs. Eugene Milletis, D. J. Owens, L. M. Prewill, W. H. Robinson, T. L. Rosser, R. H. Seggins, B. F. Thompson, Henry Wilson, J. A. Watkins, Amos Walton.

WOMEN'S LIST.

Mrs. A. S. Bagwell, Mrs. Dora Craven, Mrs. Lucy Collins, Miss Alice Clarke, Martha Evans, Sallie Furgerson, Miss Viola High, Nellie S. Martin, Mrs. Narassus Reynolds, Miss Mary E. Smith, Mrs. Hattie Wright.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days they will be sent to the dead letter office. M. C. DARBY, Postmaster.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Matinee and Night, January 3rd.

NOW GET WISE.

Peck's Bad Boy.

Come and laugh with us!
Matinee Prices—10 and 25 cents.
Night Prices—10 to 50 cents. dec 31 3t

THE SUPPLY OF HARD COAL IN THIS

City is about exhausted, and present outlook that it cannot be replenished before Spring. In the meantime we are prepared to supply you with the very best

BITUMINOUS LUMP COAL AT $5 PER TON,

Which is as cheap as cut wood at $2.50 per cord.

This coal is equally as good in every way as any Coal sold on this market.

'Phone your orders to us and they will be filled promptly.

Wm. E. Worth & Co.

Phones—Bell 94. Inter-State 146. dec 28 tf

A Happy New Year to You!

One and all, of our many friends and patrons. We extend our best wishes for your health and prosperity for 1903, and solicit a continuation of your

SHOE TRADE,

Which we hope to merit by giving you the BEST SHOES for the least money.

GEO. R. FRENCH & SONS.

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CASH PAID FOR Beeswax

If you have some to sell ship it to us and will allow you

27 1-2c Per Lb.,

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Williamsville Mfg Co.,

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To Our Friends AND PATRONS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

We extend our hearty good cheer, and the Season's Good Greetings, with our sincere thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed upon us during the past year.

We cordially invite you to

Wear Our Shoes During 1903.

Respectfully,

Mercer & Evans Co.,

Same Old Place.

dec 25 tf

ATLANTIC COAST LINE R. R. CO.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 30th, 1902.

The Board of Directors of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company have declared a dividend of two and one-half per cent. on the common capital stock of that company. Dividend due and payable at the office of the Treasurer, at Wilmington, N. C., on and after January 10th, 1903. The transfer books will stand closed from December 31st, 1902, to January 10th, 1903.

JAMES F. POST, Treasurer.

dec 31 till Jan. 10.

Tobacco Fertilizers.

1,186 Bags 8 4-4 Guano.
1,293 Bags 8 3-3 Guano.
1,411 Bags 8 2-2 Guano.
1,841 Bags Pure Kainit.
1,484 Bags 13 per cent. Acid.
1,001 Bags 14 per cent. Acid.
1,897 Bags C. S. Meal.

Best prices, Cash or Time.

W. B. COOPER, Wholesale Grocer,

dec 28 tf Wilmington, N. C.

FOR RENT,



Stores, Dwellings, Offices, &c.

an 29 tf D. O'CONNOR

"El Capitan."

High quality 10c Cigar.

"CUBAN BLOSSOM."

No better 5c Cigar.

We guarantee the sale of these goods, so if not sold we take them back. We accept the risk, you get the gain. You are safe on a trade of that kind. If the goods did not have both quality and merit we would not talk so loud. Try them for

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VOLLERS & HASHAGEN,

Wholesale Distributors.

dec 21 tf

Bananas!

Bananas!!

A NICE LOT OF YELLOW FRUIT

just received.

Can serve you all.

J. W. PLUMMER, Jr.

dec 31 tf

OFFICE SUPPLIES.

Ledgers, Journals, Cash Books, Letter Books, Memo. Books.

Inks and Mucilage, Paste and Glue, Letter Boxes and Baskets, Pens and Pencils, Files of all kinds.

I have any thing you need in your office. Write for prices.

ROBERT C. DeROSSET,

The Stationer,

dec 20 tf 107 Market St.

What For Christmas?

That old puzzling question is up again. Read the answer in my window.

Fresh shipment Wileys' Chocolates and Bon Bons; none nicer.

HARDIN'S Palace Pharmacy,

126 South Front Street.

dec 23 tf Call both 'Phones 55.

Storage of Peanuts.

To any one wishing to store Peanuts, will say, we are amply prepared to store them at a reasonable cost, and we will make liberal cash advances on peanuts stored with us.

D. L. CORE CO., Wholesale Grocers,

115 to 125 North Water street.

dec 20 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Lands Posted.

The privilege of hunting on my lands near Wilmington having been leased, all persons are hereby warned against shooting, hunting, ranging or otherwise trespassing on said lands.

nov 2 tf S. W. MORSE.

The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING DEC. 31.

NEW WHEAT AND COTTON FIELDS.

America is the world's granary. On the wheat fields of this country Europe depended and still depends to make up her shortage of breadstuffs. On the cotton fields of this country the mills of Europe depended and still depend mainly for the cotton for their looms, and it might have gone on so for many years to come if American manufacturers had not invaded European markets and the markets where Europeans sold many of their goods and become their competitors. They have at last begun to realize that if they are to hold their own against American aggressiveness they must become independent of the American cotton planter and the American farmer.

We have heretofore referred to the efforts being made by German companies to grow cotton in the German possessions in East and West Africa, where it is said it has been practically demonstrated that a fair quality of cotton can be grown. But even with this satisfactorily demonstrated it will be many years before these possessions can become formidable factors as competitors of the cotton fields of the South. They have several problems to solve, among them the labor problem and transportation, the first of which means taking a practically savage and work despising people and teaching them habits of industry, a much more difficult undertaking than building railroads, which money can accomplish anywhere. Even in the English territory in South Africa it has been found impossible to get work out of the natives. They work until pay day and then they are to be seen no more until their money is spent. And so it will be in the German possessions with the cotton growers, for the natives there to whom the planters must look for labor, are of the same stock as those in the British possessions, as far at least as their aversion to work goes. In time, perhaps, some other labor may be found by colonizing or importing, but that will be slow business at least, even if the Germans were the successful colonists the English are.

There are two other fields, however, which may become competitors both as cotton-growers and wheat growers. An English syndicate has invested $50,000,000 in building dams on the upper Nile to serve as reservoirs to control the flow of the river, and supply irrigation for the fields on either side. They are basing high expectations on this and calculate on being able to look to the territory thus made available for agriculture for most of the wheat that England will need, and much if not most of the cotton to supply her mills. Speaking of the efforts of England and Germany to find new sources of supplies of cotton and wheat the New York *Sun* says:

Sir William Garstin, reporting on the capabilities of the Upper Nile country, which is under direct British control, wrote that the soil of the immense tracts on either side of the Blue Nile, known as the districts of Ghedaref and Ghezira, much resembles that of those parts of India that produce the finest wheat. These new wheatfields are not, however, the only ones about developed under British control. Since 1891 the British Political officer directing the affairs of the Shan States in Northern Burma has introduced the cultivation of wheat into that region, where the grain was previously unknown. The result has been so satisfactory that the question of building a railway to convey the wheat to Rangoon is being discussed.

Turning to Germany, we find the German Government giving serious attention to cotton growing in its West and East African colonies, with a view to their development, as well as having its own supply of raw material for its home industry. The Turkish policy of Germany is mainly directed to the obtaining control, through German-built railways, of the wheat fields of Asia Minor, whose cultivators, in their turn, would become customers for German goods. A not inconsiderable part of the immense areas of Asiatic Turkey, now lying waste, is also susceptible of cotton production whenever fiscal stability and order are established over the country.

This, however, depends very much on the existence of good relations, in respect to that part of the work between Germany and Russia. Of that there seems a better prospect than for some time past. There is reason to believe, according to statements from Berlin, that the financial agent of the Russian Embassy there, who has just returned to Russia after an audience with Emperor William, carries with him notes of a treaty between the two countries of a far-reaching scope commercially as a result of improved political relations. The results of such a treaty could not fail to be felt in the trade between this country and Germany, especially that in cereals and cattle products. The impulse which will be given to agricultural production in Russia by the newly organized agricultural socities, under the presidency of Prince Stcherbatoff, will call for an expansion of the Russian markets. In Germany there is a consumer right alongside with whom Russian products of all kinds can be advantageously exchanged for machinery and other things Russia needs.

While Great Britain is looking to her South African possessions, to Egypt and to India as bases of future supplies of both cotton and wheat, Germany, while experimenting in her African possessions, is looking to Asia Minor, Turkey and Siberia with fair prospects, whatever they may be in Africa. Southern Siberia is an immense country, whose productive capacity cannot be estimated. It is the Eastern hemisphere counterpart of the Mississippi valley, which it much resembles topographically, and in its forests and other growth, such as wild grasses, etc., and in its farm products, such as cotton, grain, vegetables, fruits, etc. They can duplicate there almost everything grown between the Rocky Mountains and the Alleghanies.

It goes without saying that with industry, method, and increasing population, which is going on rapidly, and means of transportation by river and by rail, the latter of which is being rapidly supplied, while numerous steamers already ply the rivers, it is only a question of time when this vast region and those other portions of Asia in touch with it will become formidable competitors of the farms of this country, and the American manufacturer is hastening the day by supplying the farmers of that part of the world with labor-saving machinery, which they are learning how to use, thus making the task of competition that much easier for them.

But still the world is wide and if the market for the American farmer becomes more contracted in the the Eastern hemisphere it may become more expanded in this hemisphere. It will not be many years until with our annually increasing population all the wheat grown will be needed for home consumption and most of the cotton grown will be manufactured at home, and our European competitors will have to do more fighting with the American manufacturer than with the American wheat and cotton-grower.

GEORGIA KAOLIN.

The Macon Ga. *Telegraph* says "there are persistent rumors of great activity in preparations for the development of the large kaolin fields adjacent to the city of Macon." While aware of the fact that kaolin exists in large quantities in several of the Southern States this is the first announcement we have seen that it exists in such abundance near Macon. It seems to be of an extraordinary fine quality, too, for samples sent to Northern china makers were mistaken for imported kaolin, and the *Telegraph* tells a story of a New York drummer who solicited orders for some from a Macon man who used some of it in his business, exhibited samples of what he had to sell as imported samples and was surprised to learn that those samples came from a deposit near Macon where the stuff was mined and shipped North.

This is interesting as showing the valuable materials lying around us and under our feet, of which so little practical use is made until some outsider comes in, realizes their value and turns them to profitable account. There are fine deposits of kaolin in this State, in some of the central and Western counties, and yet no effort has ever been made to utilize it, although we import annually thousands of dollars' worth of table and kitchen ware of different kinds every piece of which could be made in this State, supplying not only the home demands but the demands of other Southern States.

New Jersey manufacturers and others in the North do a large business, import their finer raw material from abroad and from other States, some from the South, not only supplying their own home markets, but shipping to England and other countries and successfully competing with the local manufacturers there.

With the abundance of the raw material in the South, of all grades, from the commonest to the finest, there is no reason why manufacturing it should not become a great industry in this section, if attention were turned to it by men who understand it.

RAILROAD BUILDING.

This year has been a pretty active one in railroad building in this country, the aggregate, according to figures of the *Railroad Gazette*, amounting to 6,026 miles, not counting sidings or electric roads. Oklahoma leads with 570 miles, Texas coming next with 496, Arkansas following with 371, Indian Territory with 363 and Georgia with 336. Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and New Mexico have about 200 miles each, and Alabama, California, Florida, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington and West Virginia between 100 and 200 miles each.

This isn't a bad showing all around, and is a pretty good index not only of present prosperity, but proof also that the men who put their money in railroads believe it has come to stay. Railroads are not only an index of prosperity, but they are prosperity promoters, for they are territory openers and developers, which make many industries possible that without them would be impossible.

It may be noted that a considerable part of this new mileage is in the South, and in States contiguous to the South, forming connecting lines which will materially aid in Southern development and progress.

This work, of course, has cost many millions of dollars, a very considerable portion of which went as tribute to the tariff protected manufacturers of steel and steel rails, the latter of which have cost the builders of those roads somewhere in the neighborhood of $10 a ton more than they would have had to pay if they had the privilege of buying where they could buy to the best advantage. Thus the high tariff for the benefit of the steel manufacturers handicaps railroad building and acts as a check upon development and progress.

For LaGrippe and Influenza use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.



The powder puff may help to hide the ravages of time but it avails little to hide the ravages of disease. When the face is disfigured by eruptions, the treatment must go below the surface to the blood, which is corrupt and impure.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures disfiguring eruptions which are caused by impure blood. It cures scrofulous sores, erysipelas, boils, pimples, eczema, salt-rheum and other eruptive diseases which impure blood breeds and feeds.

"I was troubled with eczema from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet," writes Mrs. Ella Quick, of Cass City, Tuscola Co., Mich. "Could not walk at times nor wear my shoes. Thought there was no help for me—at least the doctor said there was none. I went to see friends at Christmas time and there heard of the good that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery had done for them, and was advised to try it at once. For fear that I might neglect it my friend sent to the village and got a bottle and made me promise that I would take it. I had been getting worse all the time. I took thirteen bottles of the 'Golden Medical Discovery' and ten vials of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, and used 'All-Healing Salve,' which made a complete cure. It was slow, but *sure*. I was taking the medicine about eight months.

"I would say to all who read this; try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery before wasting time and money."

The sole motive for substitution is to permit the dealer to make the little more profit paid by the sale of less meritorious medicines. He gains; you lose. Therefore accept no substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery."

Dr. Pierce's Pellets cleanse the clogged system from accumulated impurities.

Dr. Lorenz, the Austrian bloodless surgeon, says he never performed but one miracle in this country While at Salt Lake City a young woman was brought to him, weeping. She said that two years before that she had a fall and had not since been able to walk without crutches. He made an examination and found that she hadn't been injured at all. She suffered some when she fell, started to using crutches and thought she couldn't get along without them. He threw them away and told her to walk. She walked and hasn't used crutches since. She was a cripple from imagination.

Several months ago a venturesome experimenter shipped $500 worth of soap to Guam. It took like hot cakes when the mercury is below zero. It was bought as a curiosity, and the people are keeping it as American souvenirs. To supply the demand he shipped them 6,000 pounds more.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— What nonsense it is to imagine that if the Hague Tribunal arbitrated the Venezuelan debt question the Monroe Doctrine would be subject to review in that court! The question is simply, what does Venezuela owe each nation concerned, and what would be fair terms of payment? The Monroe Doctrine cannot be arbitrated by anybody. Mr. Roosevelt should not be caught by such clap-trap.—*Norfolk Landmark, Dem.*

—— On account of the shortness of the wheat crop, the Mexican government has reduced the duty on the imported from $5 to 50 cents per 100 kilograms (about 220 pounds). When our Meat Trust sought to excuse the extortionate prices of meat on the lying plea that there was a shortage of all kinds, our Government held fast to the tariff which shuts out importations from abroad. The public is considered in Mexico, but here it's "the public be d—d!" —*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

—— The cost of beef to Chicago and other retailers is now 4 to 6 cents less per pound than it was at the end of September. The consumers, we imagine, are getting the benefit of the reduction, since we hear no grumbling from them. Lower prices are still in sight. The country has now good meats at fair cost. Bread is also cheap. Corn is 45 and wheat 73 cents a bushel in the Chicago market. In the meantime, as the cost of table essentials were lowering tens of thousands of workers' wages were raised an average of 10 per cent.—*Chattanooga Times, Ind.*

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50 cents, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

For over Sixty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, soften the gums, and allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Salisbury *Sun*: That part of the bird law of Rowan county which prohibits the sale of quail here is practically a dead letter. It has never been believed that this part of the bird law would stand if taken to the courts and those who are interested in their said decided last year to take the matter to the Supreme Court if necessary to protect their rights. In consequence of this agreement birds have been sold this year by many dealers in Salisbury, who will continue to sell them until the game season has expired.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: The people of Dunn and vicinity are agitating the question of forming a new county with Dunn as the centre and county seat. They will propose to the Legislature (whether at the approaching session or some subsequent one it has not yet been decided) to form the county out of two townships of Harnett, Black River township in Cumberland, twenty miles into Sampson, and as far as Benson in Johnston county. This would make one of the finest counties in the State, as it would include some of the best land of four counties.

— Monroe *Journal*: Mr. John C. Bates has given a library of 300 book to the Presbyterian Sunday school. —— We recently reported the work of a vigorous woman who killed a hawk with a broom. Another member of the hawk family has fallen before the prowess of a Union county woman. The other day one of these hungry birds thought to dine upon one of the chickens of Mrs. M. A. Snipes, of Lane's Creek. When Mrs. Snipes saw him coming she walked into the house, got her husband's gun, and when Mr. Hawk alighted she shot him dead. He was more than four feet across the wings, and old enough to know better than to have gone into a Union county chicken yard right before the owner's eyes.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: The death of Mr. Jno. K Smith occurred at his home, Sunday, in the 80th year of his age. —— Jonas Wilson, a white man living in the Buck Swamp section of county, came to the city Monday morning with his left arm in a sling to stand trial in two cases for assault with a deadly weapon. It seems that Wilson got somewhat rowdy about Christmas and had some trouble with his wife and his nephew, George Garris, both of whom had secured warrants for Wilson. When he appeared for trial this morning his accusers were not present and he told Justice Broadhurst about a shooting scrape which took place on Friday night. Wilson said that he retired as usual at home on Friday night and that he was awakened during the night by some one knocking at his door. He got up and went to the door and was met by a volley from a shot gun. The whole load of shot took effect in his left forearm which was badly lacerated.

TWINKLINGS

— The air of the confidence man is always cool and bracing.—*Life.*

— A young woman really needs two faces: her own face and the face she kisses other women with.—*Punch*

— Teacher—Emma, how do you spell "flour?" Emma—Sometimes you spell it with three X's and sometimes with four.—*Chicago Tribune.*

— Doctor—You want exercise. Invalid—But, doctor, I'm a postman. Doctor—Then you need rest—join the police force.—*London Tit Bits.*

— De Style—"What makes that Venezuelan maid so haughty?" Gumbusta—"She's a Daughter of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Revolution."—*New York Sun.*

— "All I want is a little pin money," said young Mrs. Dashington. "I know it, my dear," answered her husband; "but don't you use anything but diamond pins?"—*Washington Star.*

— Asked the other day if he thought marriage a failure, Brother Dickey replied emphatically: "No, sun—not in my case. Dey warn't no failure at all—she got me!"—*Atlanta Constitution.*

— "Never marry a girl for money." "No?" "Certainly not. When you find an heiress just shine up to her father, and then flim-flam him in some kind of a stock transaction. It is much safer." —*Chicago Evening Post.*

— Occulist—"There is a foreign substance in your eye." Crawford—"No, sir; there is nothing foreign about it. Just a piece of cigar that was made right here in Illinoy."—*Chicago Daily News.*

— The gravedigger was taking a nip from a black bottle. "Are you not afraid you will fill a drunkard's grave?" asked the preacher. "There's nothing to be afraid of," replied the gravedigger. "I've filled too many of em."—*Philadelphia Record.*

— "Do you mean to tell me that you were paid for voting as you did?" "Well," answered Senator Sorghum, "I had to have some motive, didn't I? A man who would vote that way without any excuse at all would be an example of total depravity."—*Chicago Tribune.*

— "Are you going to turn over a new leaf on New Year's day?" "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum; "I'm going to resolve never again to interest myself in things that do not concern me. In other words, when I get busy I will have to be paid for it."—*Wash. Star.*

— An enthusiastic sightseer in London was telling her friend that she had been fortunate enough to get a good view of Lord Kitchener. "Ah," said the friend, "I suppose he is a very bellicose man?" "Oh, no," was the reply, "quite slim, I assure you."—*Chicago News.*

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally like itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

The U. S Civil Service Commission reports that for the year ending June 30, 1902, there were 14,983 persons appointed from its registers. This was 4,692 more than was ever before appointed in a single year. Anyone wishing information about these positions can secure it free by writing for the Civil Service announcement of the Columbian Correspondence College, Washington, D. C. The Commission will hold examinations to secure young men and women for these places during March and April, at Raleigh, Statesville and Wilmington. Many people do not know that these appointments are made without political influence and that a large share of them are filled by those having only a common school education, but such is now the case. †

DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY FOR THE BLOOD. LIVER. LUNGS.



How They Differed.

During the last term of the late Zeb Vance in the United States senate his brother, Robert Vance, was elected to represent the Asheville (N. C.) district in the lower branch of congress. One Sunday morning soon after Robert made his appearance in Washington a friend asked the senator if he and Robert agreed on the subject of religion as well as they did on politics.

"No," replied the senator; "Bob is a Methodist and believes in falling from grace, but never falls, while I am a Presbyterian and don't believe in falling from grace, but am all the time falling!"—New York Times.

Doves and Coronations.

At the ancient ceremonies of coronation of the French kings, after the anointing had been performed, some white doves were let loose in the church. This was supposed to symbolize the power of the Holy Ghost in directing the king's actions. A similar idea seems to have inspired all early kings, for among the English regalia is the rod of equity or the scepter with the dove. This is simply a golden rod with a mound at the top, which supports a cross. On this cross is a dove, fashioned of white enamel, with expanded wings. Some fine diamonds ornament the rod in various places.

Of More Importance.

"Get my name right," said the proud owner of the 1,175 pound hog. "It's Judson K. Bimm. My father was Colonel Hiram Hotchkiss Bimm of Lexington, Ky. He came to Illinois in the year"—

"Never mind that," interrupted the secretary of the fat stock show. "Give us the pedigree of the hog."—Chicago Tribune.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. JOHN, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

Burgaw, Rocky Point, Jan. 3, 4.
Southport, Jan. 11, 12
Shallotte, Concord, Jan. 13.
Town Creek, —— Jan. 14.
Waccamaw, Shiloh, Jan. 17, 18.
Whiteville, Whiteville, Jan. 18, 19.
Magnolia, Providence, Jan. 24, 25.
Clinton, Clinton, Jan. 30
Kenansville, Friendship, Jan. 31, Feb 1.
Bladen, Bethlehem, Feb. 7, 8.
Elizabeth, Elizabethtown, Feb. 9.
Carver's Creek, Council Station Feb. 10.
Onslow, Queen's Creek, Feb. 14, 15.
Jacksonville and Richlands, Half Moon, Feb. 21, 22.

District Stewards will please meet in the Ladies' Parlor, Grace church, Wilmington, Tuesday Dec. 30th, at 1 o'clock.

Missionary Institute will be held at Grace church Feb. 4th and 5th, 1903.

District conference will meet at Jacksonville Tuesday Mar. 17th at 5 o'clock P. M. and continue through the 18th and 19th, 1903.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Stmr A J Johnson, Robinson, Clear Run, W J Meredith,

Clyde steamship Oneida, Deveraux, New York and Providence, H G Smallbones.

CLEARED.

Stmr A J Johnson, Robinson, Clear Run, W J Meredith.

Clyde steamship Oneida, Deveraux, Georgetown, S C, H G Smallbones.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 31.

STEAMSHIPS.

Torgorm, (Br) 1,676 tons, Halladay, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Vera, (Br) 1,854 tons, Bennett, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Zeeburg, (Dutch) 1,958 tons, Stasse, Heide & Co.

SCHOONERS.

Argo, (Nor) 687 tons, Addison, Heide & Co.
Foster Rice, (Br) 179 tons, Brinton, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Chas C Lister, 267 tons, Moore, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Venus, 194 tons, Foxwell, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Lady Shea, (Br) 151 tons, Munro, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

BARQUES.

Nellie Troop, (Br) 1,317 tons, Nobles, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—134 bales cotton, 22 barrels tar, 5 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—179 bales cotton, 1 barrel tar, 10 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,063 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 80 barrels tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—25 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 110 barrels rosin, 3 barrels tar.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—20 casks spirits turpentine, 100 barrels rosin, 50 barrels tar.

Total—1,401 bales cotton, 31 casks spirits turpentine, 210 barrels rosin, 156 barrels tar, 15 barrels crude turpentine.

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKET

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, December 30.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 52c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.35 per barrel for strained and $1.40 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $1.75 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at 95c@$1.00; tar steady at $1.35; crude turpentine quiet at $1.00 @2.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	31
Rosin	210
Tar	156
Crude turpentine	15

Receipts same day last year—28 casks spirits turpentine, 161 barrels rosin, 196 barrels tar, 24 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 8⅛c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5⅝	cts. ℔ lb
Good ordinary	7⅛	" "
Low middling	7¾	" "
Middling	8⅛	" "
Good middling	8 15-16	" "

Same day last year, market firm at 7⅞c for middling.

Receipts—1,401 bales; same day last year, 929.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 10@11c.

EGGS—Firm at 21@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 12½@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 10@11c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 60c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Money on call—Market quoted firm at 3@4 per cent., closing at 3@4 per cent.; time money easier—60 days and 90 days, 6 per cent.; six months 5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was easy; actual business in bankers' bills at 486.625@486.75 for demand and 483@483.125 for sixty days. The posted rates were 484 and 487½. Commercial bills 482½@482¾. Bar silver 48. Mexican dollars 38. Government bonds steady. State bonds firm. Railroad bonds were irregular. U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 108¼; U. S funding 2's, registered, 108¾; U. S. 3's, registered, 107½; do. coupon, 108; U. S. 4's, new registered, 135¼; do. coupon, 135¾; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 109½; do. coupon, 110¼; U. S. 5's, registered, 103¾; do. coupon, 103¾; Southern Railway, 5's, 119¼. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 99⅝. Chesapeake & Ohio 48⅛; Manhattan L 145¼; New York Central 152; Reading 66; do. 1st preferred 87; do. 2nd preferred 78; St. Paul 178; do. pref'd, 193; Southern Railway 33¼; do. pref'd 92¼; Amalgamated Copper 62; People's Gas 102⅞; Sugar 128⅞; Tennessee Coal and Iron 58¾; U. S. Leather 13; do. pref'd. 88⅝; Western Union 88¼; U. S Steel 35⅝; do. pref'd 86½; Virginia-Carolina Chemical 62; do. preferred, 121¼. Standard Oil, 698@700.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 30.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 26¾; do. preferred, bonds, 43¾; fours, 83¾.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Rosin firm. Spirits turpentine steady.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 30.—Spirits turpentine and rosin unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 30.—Spirits turpentine quoted firm at 53½c; receipts 846 casks; sales 789 casks; exports 140 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 2,174 barrels; sales 2,689 barrels; exports 2,576 barrels Quote: A, B, C, D, $1 45 E, $1 50; F, $1 55; G, $1 70; H, $2 00; I, $2 35; K $2 85; M, $3 35; N, $3 55 W G, $3 80; W W, $4 20.

COTTON MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, December 30.—The cotton market, after opening firm at unchanged prices to an advance of six points, ruled very active and very strong, with great excitement at intervals prevailing. For many weeks the market has been dominated by claims and counter-claims regarding the existence of a large long interest in January contracts and also regarding its financial ability to take care of the large quantities of cotton accumulating at New York and at near by points which the shorts promised to deliver, with market-smashing intent. A few days ago the leader of the January pool caused a flurry by advising any of the scattered longs who might prefer to hold their contracts while being without financial ability to do so, that places would be provided on timely notice, so that selling would not be necessary under notice pressure. This statement was variously received; but the course of to day's market indicated that it was made in good faith and that it was also made good. And notwithstanding notices to the extent of nearly 100,000 bales were issued, they were promptly "stopped" and a scramble for January contracts became immediate and very active. This position advanced fifteen points, while the rest of the list advanced seven to ten points. Then followed a period of realizing or profit taking under which prices gave way a few points; but the market was finally steady at net unchanged to an advance of five points. Other factors explaining the advance, now a matter of about ¼c. since the middle of November, were continued small receipts an advance of 1-16@⅛c. in the spot markets of the country, unfavorable weather in many parts of the cotton belt and strong cables, the latter reaching an advance of 7½c. to eight points on futures and four on spot prices. Total sales estimated at 500,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Cotton quiet at 8 90c; net receipts 278 bales; gross receipts 10,332 bales; stock 160,474 bales

Spot closed quiet and 5 points higher; middling uplands 8.90c; middling gulf 9 15c; sales 800 bales

Cotton futures market closed steady: December 8.62, January 8.65, February 8.48, March 8.52, April 8 52, May 8.51, June 8.50, July 8.50, August 8.31, September 8.05.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 55,578 bales; exports to Great Britain 14,769 bales; exports to France 2,261 bales; exports to the Continent 14,399 bales: stock 1,104,359 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 147,464 bales; exports to Great Britain 50,403 bales; exports to France 2,261 bales; exports to the Continent 47,002 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4 845,937 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,502,613 bales exports to France 405,408 bales, exports to the Continent 1,438,655 bales

Dec. 30.—Galveston, firm at 8 7-16c, net receipts 19,715 bales Norfolk, steady at 8 7-16, net receipts 2,921 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8⅝c, net receipts — bales; Boston, firm at 8.85c, net receipts 221 bales; Wilmington, firm at 8⅛, net receipts 401 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 9.15c, net receipts 106 bales; Savannah, firm at 8¼c, net receipts 7,451 bales; New Orleans, firm at 8⅜c, net receipts 19 268 — bales; Mobile, firm at 8¼c, net receipts 2,815 bales; Memphis, steady at 8 5-16c, net receipts 2,671 bales; Augusta, steady at 8 9-16c, net receipts 8,321 bales; Charleston, firm at 8 3-16c, net receipts 352 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Flour was dull but steadily held. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot dull; No. 2 red 80⅛c. Options were slow all day and at first depressed by liquidation, but gradually rallied on export rumors, a big decrease in the world's stocks for the week and local covering. Near the close it weakened again, however, through liquidation and was finally ⅛ @¼c net lower: May closed 80⅝c; July closed 78⅛c; December closed 84c Corn—Spot easy; No. 2 59⅛c. Options market was dull and barely steady throughout the session, influenced by fine weather, big receipts, smaller clearances and liquidation, closed dull and easy at a partial ⅛c net decline: January closed 54⅛; March closed 51⅛; May closed 48⅜c; July closed 47⅛; December closed 59c. Oats—Spot steady; No. 2, 38½c. Options were fairly active and about steady; December 43c Rice firm. Molasses firm. Butter irregular; extra creamery 28@28½c; State dairy 20@26. Cheese firm; new State full cream, small colored, fancy fall made 14c; small white, fall made, 14c Pork steady; family $18 00. Peanuts steady; fancy hand picked 4¼@4½c; other domestic 3@4¼c. Cabbages easy; domestic, per 100, white to red $2 00@5 00; Norfolk 75c@$1 00. Coffee quiet. Lard easy; Western steam $10 75; refined dull. Tallow quiet. Sugar quiet. Freights to Liverpool—cotton by steam 12. Eggs firm; State and Pennsylvania average best 28c Potatoes easy; Long Island $2 00@2 25; South Jersey sweets $2 50@3 75; Jerseys $1 75@2 00; New York and Western per 180 lbs., $1 50 @2 10. Cotton seed oil was quiet to-day but fairly steady at about old prices: Prime crude here nominal; prime crude f. o. b. mills 30½@31; prime summer yellow 38½@39; off summer yellow 38c; prime white 41@42c; prime winter yellow 42c; prime meal $27 00@27 50, nominal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Prospects of a bearish government report caused an easier feeling in the wheat pit to-day and the close was ⅛ @ ¼c lower for May. Corn was ⅛c lower, and oats were also off ⅛c. May provisions closed from 5 @ 7½c and 10c lower.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Cash prices: Flour quiet and firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring 76c; No. 3 spring 69½@74c; No. 2 red 73⅝@74⅜c. Corn—No. 2 44@44½c; No. 2 yellow 48@49c Oats—No 2 32⅛c; No. 2 white —; No. 3 white 32¼@34¼. Mess pork, per barrel, $17 25. Lard, per 100 lbs., $10 35@10 37½. Short rib sides, loose, closed $8 37½@8 37½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $8 25@8 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $9 00@9 12½. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 30.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 74⅝, 74⅛, 73⅛, 73⅝c; May 76⅞@77, 77, 76½@76⅛, 76½@76⅜c; July 73⅛, 74, 73⅝, 73⅝c. Corn—No. 2 December 45¼@45⅛, 45⅛, 44¼, 44c; January 45¼, 45⅛, 44, 44¼c; May 43⅜@@43⅜, 43¼, 43¼@43⅜, 43⅛c. Oats—No. 2 December, new, 32⅛, 32¼, 32⅜, 32⅛; May 33⅜, 34⅛, 33⅜, 33⅞. Mess pork, per bbl—December $17 20, 17 27½, 17 20, 17 27½; May $16 45, 16 47½, 16 42½, 16 47½. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $10 25, 10 40, 10 25, 10 30; January $9 95, 10 00, 9 90, 9 92½; May $9 55, 9 57½, 9 52½, 9 55. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $8 47½, 8 47½, 8 47½, 8 47½; May $8 62½, 8 65, 8 62½, 8 62½.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 30.—Cotton: Spot moderate business done; prices 2 to 4 points higher; American middling fair 5.24d; good middling 4.78d; middling 4.62d; low middling 4.50d; good ordinary 4.38d; ordinary 4.26d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 5,900 bales American. Receipts 49,000 bales, including 41,800 bales American.

Futures opened firm and closed strong; American middling (g o c) December 4.62d; December and January 4.61@4.62d; January and February 4.61d; February and March 4.61d; March and April 4.61d; April and May 4.61@4.62d; May and June 4.62d; June and July 4.62d; July and August 4.62d; August and September 4.56d.

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HUMAN ALARM CLOCKS.

How Messenger Boys Are Utilised as Awakeners In New York.

At 1 o'clock the other morning a well dressed man strolled into one of the uptown messenger offices. He had been dining out and evidently, from the rakish tilt to his opera hat, the dinner had been a success.

"I want a messenger boy to come and waken me in the morning."

"What hour?" The clerk was all business, for the request was not unusual.

"Seven o'clock. I've got to catch a train," he explained.

"All right, sir; 7 o'clock," assured the clerk.

The man turned as he was going out of the door. "Have the boy hammer the door hard," he cautioned. "I'm a 'dead one' when I get to sleep, and I've got to catch that train." Then he went home and went to sleep with absolute confidence.

The whistles were blowing 7 o'clock. A small boy in uniform hammered with a club, his "wakener," on the door of the man who had dined the night before. "Get up in there!" he cried. "Get up, you old sleepyhead!"

"You go away from my door," comes in sleepy tones from the room. "It's a mistake. I don't want to get up."

"Oh, yes, you do, my dodo bird," is the fresh reply. And the tattoo on the door goes on with redoubled strength.

"All right, boy; I'm awake now!" howls the man who has been sleeping. "You can go away now."

"Not till you've signed this receipt," the boy insists.

The man has to crawl out of bed and come to the door. The boy has a paper ready, and as he is a careful man he reads before signing. It certifies that he has been thoroughly wakened by Messenger No. 432 and that he is not going back to bed again that day.

"Is this a joke?" he asks the boy.

"Naw, 'tain't no joke," replied the messenger through his teeth. "If we'se didn't make you'se do this, you'd be down to de office about noon a-howlin' dat we didn't wake you'se. Now, if you'se goes back to your bag of feathers, we'se got you'n in black an' white, an' no mistake."—New York Tribune.

COOKING FISH IN ENGLAND.

The Method Used There Renders the Flesh Flaky and Juicy.

John Bull certainly knows how to cook fish, to prove which fact one has only to notice the juiciness and good flavor of the first bit of fish, served perhaps at a little out of the way inn, that one tastes in England. We Americans have at command many fine varieties of fish, but too often find it sent to table in a "woolly," tasteless condition.

An American cousin visiting in an English family made bold to ask what method of cooking "sea food" was prevalent in England and found that there the importance of the thorough cooking of fish as a safeguard against ptomaines is as much regarded as with us. Our old country friends, however, assure us that there is not the slightest occasion to render fish dry and tasteless in order to insure thorough cooking if proper attention is given to basting. One cannot well imagine anything hotter than boiling fat, and laving plentifully with this is to make use of the surest ammunition possible for the routing of deadly bacteria.

Instead of warning amateurs against underdone fish, let copious basting with sweet boiling fat be insisted on, and in place of a woolly, flavorless result there will be the opposite—flakiness and juiciness. Overboiling will produce woolliness as surely as overfrying or baking. To insure tender, solid flakes in, for instance, boiled cod or halibut and to avoid dissipating the flavor make sure the water boils when the fish is put in; keep at a gentle boil; allow only ten minutes to the pound and tie carefully in cheesecloth that has been washed and boiled before using. Cod well basted with hot olive oil or any good fat will be almost gamy in flavor, as will cod steaks cooked in deep fat.—Washington Star.

Unpoetical Poets.

Poets are not always poetical. A tale is told in a contemporary of Aubrey de Vere growing ecstatic before Newman over the "sweet pealing of the Oxford chimes" and asked why they rang with so inviting an insistence. "Only young men keeping themselves warm," replied Newman.

Tennyson gave several unexpected answers of the same character. He asked a young lady who had shown herself more enthusiastic than intelligent over the beauties of "Maud" what birds she supposed they were which called "Maud, Maud, Maud!" "Nightingales," said the enthusiast. "No; rooks you ——." But the exact vocative is still a matter of discussion.—London Globe.

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Theories About Drowned Bodies.

It was a popular theory in days gone by that the body of a drowned man would float the ninth day. Sir Thomas Browne alludes to it as believed in his time, and in his "Pseudo-doxia Epidemics" there is a discussion on this fanciful notion. It was also believed that the spirits of those drowned at sea were doomed to wander for a hundred years owing to the rites of burial having never been properly bestowed upon their bodies.—Notes and Queries.

A Martyr.

"She is the most sacrificin' woman fer miles around."

"In what way?"

"Waal, whenever they git up a lawn fete or sumpen like for the church in which the expenses are more'n the proceeds the committee alwus sends her up to acquaint the pastor with the result."—Baltimore Herald.

A True Philosopher.

The greatest thing we ever saw in the way of a philosopher was a one armed man in a manicure establishment who gloated because he got his work done for half price.—Washington Post.

Extremes.

Mrs. A.—My husband is positively impossible. He knows nothing.

Mrs. B.—Mine is simply unbearable. He knows everything.—Tit-Bits.

THE DOG'S TAIL.

Its Language In the Chase and When the Animal Is Pleased.

In the case of all hunting dogs, such as foxhounds or wolves, which pack together, the tail is carried aloft and is very free in movement. It is also frequently rendered more conspicuous by the tip being white, and this is almost invariably the case when the hounds are of mixed color. When ranging the long grass of the prairie or jungle, the raised tips of the tail would often be all that an individual member of the band would see of its fellows.

There is no doubt that hounds habitually watch the tails of those in front of them when drawing a covert. If a faint drag is detected suggestive of the presence of a fox, but scarcely sufficient to be sworn to vocally, the tail of the finder is at once set in motion, and the warmer the scent the quicker does it wag. Others, seeing the signal, quickly join the first, and there is an assemblage of waving tails before even the least whimper is heard.

Should the drag prove a doubtful one, the hounds separate again, and the waving ceases, but if it grows stronger when followed up the wagging becomes more and more emphatic until one after another the animals begin to whine and give tongue and stream off in Indian file along the line of scent.

When the pack is in full cry upon a strong scent, the tails cease to wave, but are carried aloft in full view. The moment when the dog most enjoys life is the moment when he sights game. That moment is the time when he wags his tail most vigorously in order to announce his discovery to his fellow dogs.

In this way, by the habit of association, he got to wagging his tail whenever he was pleased. The more pleased he is the more vigorously he wags his tail, so that the wagging of a dog's tail under pleasurable emotions can be traced directly to the time when the dog used his tail as a signal of the discovery of his prey.—D. Provan in Scottish-American.

Pity to Punish Both.

Strenuous Father—Tommy, this hurts me as badly as it hurts you!

Tommy—Well, then, pop (boo-hoo!) seems to me there's no use in two sufferin' for the faults of one! Let's call it off!—San Francisco Bulletin.

Hunting.

Ascum—Hello! Where did you get that black eye?

Downes—Hunting.

Ascum—Gun kick you?

Downes—Oh, no. I was just hunting trouble.—Philadelphia Press.

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The Retort Judicial.

When Judge Barnard was on the bench and holding court in Poughkeepsie, a lawyer who did not like him chanced to see a one cent coin lying on the floor. Picking it up and holding it forth in ostentatious display, he said:

"I imagine, your honor, from the value of this coin, that it must belong to the court."

"And I imagine," replied Judge Barnard, "that if it was not such a small coin the court never would have seen it."—New York Times.

His Seat.

Mrs. Gaussip—I saw Mr. Stockson Bonds at the upholsterer's yesterday. I guess he's going to get married and furnish a home.

Mrs. Malaprop—No; I'll tell you what took him there. I hear he bought a seat at the Stock Exchange last week. It was a secondhand one, and I guess he wants it fixed up.—Philadelphia Press.

We Come With New Year's Greetings.

The year of 1902 is drawing to a close. We trust it has been as pleasant and profitable to you as it has been to us.

Our Christmas trade was phenomenal; it broke all records of the past. Our whole year's business was unusually good. We are now facing the year 1903 and have already been making preparations for the year's business. The rush is over, but our stock is not broken. We anticipated a big trade and bought accordingly.

We have just received a nice line of new Black Beaver Hats, very stylish, at $2.75 each. Also a nice line of Scratch Felt Hats, in black and all colors, at 69c each. We have an extensine line of Ready-to-wear Hats that we are selling for 50c, 69c, 89c and $1.19, which is about 50 per cent. of actual value.

In new Ribbons we have just received a large shipment, in all colors. Beautiful Glazed Taffetta Ribbons, in Nos. 5 and 7, at 5c per yard; Nos. 9 and 12, at 8c per yard; Nos. 16 and 22, at 10c per yard; No. 40, at 15c per yard; No. 60, at 20c per yard, and No. 80, at 25c per yard. Satin and Taffetta Ribbons are from 5c to 35c per yard.

In Ladies' Hats we have a big lot to sell at 25c each, regardless of cost or quality; all shapes and colors, and all this year's goods.

Our Cloak Department has had an immense success this season. We have bought several large shipments of Cloaks at almost half-price, and we have on hand a very nice and extensive line. Nicely lined and well made Beaver Coats at $3.50. The latest Monte Carlo Coats at $5, and the best $10 Monte Carlos are going at $7.50 each.

In ladies and children underwear we have just received quite a nice shipment. Ladies' red and white flannel vests and pants of all kinds and in all sizes from 75 cents, 85 cents and $1 each. Ladies' bleached ribbed vests at 25 cents each. Just received a large shipment of samples in needlewear which represents one and two of a kind of anything you can call for, which we are selling at about first cost; we make our profits in the discounts. Vests and pants in this lot run from 10 cents to $2.25 each.

We have also received 120 dozen of sample hosiery, all colors and prices from 5 cents to 25 cents a pair.

We have children's hose in all sizes from 5 cents to 25 cents; we have an immense stock of ladies and gentlemen's hosiery; our line of Shamrock hosiery for ladies are the best value to be had, sell for 12½ cents, 15 cents and 25 cents a pair.

Men's ½ wool socks at 10 cents a pair; all wool at 15 cents. The finest 25 cents cashmere hose are selling at 20 cents.

Embroidery, we have about 8,000 yards bought at a low down price. Good embroidery with a lot of work for 4c. Very good value at 5c., and 15c value we are selling at 10c. Our corset stock has just been replenished. Just received 30 doz. R. & G. corsets to sell for 50, 75, and $1. The long hip corset for $125. Our B. C. N. corset cannot be matched in any retail store in the city, we buy them in solid case lots and can sell you a 75c. corset for 50c.

Our Kalamazoo Corsets in blue and white and pink and white and all white, are well shaped and good values, running at 25c. Regular 50c Corsets for 39c.

Infants' Cloaks. Just bought a sample line to sell for 50c, 75c, 89c up to $2.25. All well made and new styles.

Ladies' heavy Capes, nicely trimmed, in fur and made of Beaver cost, all new goods, $1.50 and $1.75 each; 50c each; less than cost.

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With best wishes for a happy New Year.

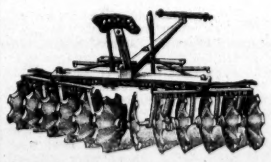
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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Nov. 30, 1902.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48	No. 40
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 21 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 18 p m	10 40 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 25 p m
Ar Norlina	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 53 p m	1 45 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 32 p m	3 25 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 23 a m	9 10 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 25 a m
Ar New York	7 08 a m	1 02 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41	No. 49
Lv New York	9 00 a m	9 30 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 30 a m	12 10 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 44 p m	2 37 a m
Ar Washington	2 50 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	6 56 p m	8 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	7 39 p m	9 13 a m
Ar Weldon	9 04 p m	11 22 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 07 P m	12 59 p m
Ar Wilson	10 48 p m	1 46 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7.15 a m	2 55 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	5 45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Monday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	2 35 a m‡
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	5 45 a m
Ar Savannah	6 35 p m	3 00 a m	7 55 a m
Ar Jacksonville		9 00 a m	12 45 p m
Ar Tampa		7 00 p m	10 00 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	9 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	5 15 p m	6 25 a m
Ar Florence	8 01 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 45 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	West Bound Daily.	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar. 3 00 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 21 p m	Ar. 5 00 p m
Ar Sanford	1 50 p m	Lv. 3 45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday.	South Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	2 32 p m	Ar. 12 08 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv. 9 01 a m

‡Via Wilson.

Trains Nos 40 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Peana R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG, Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.
jy 31 tf

READ DOWN.

WILMINGTON TO OCEAN VIEW. Leave.

Daily Except Sunday. A.M.	Daily. A.M.	Daily. P.M.	Daily. P.M.	Sat. only P.M.	Stations.	Daily. A.M.	Daily. P.M.	Daily. P.M.	Daily. P.M.	Sat. only P.M.
7 00	10 00	1 00	7 00	6 00	Front and Princess	8 30	12 30	4 30	5 30	11 00
7 10	10 10	1 10	7 10	6 10	Delaware	8 20	12 20	4 20	5 20	10 50
7 12	10 12	1 12	7 12	6 13	Golf Club	8 18	12 18	4 18	5 18	10 48
7 15	10 15	1 15	7 15	6 15	Masonboro	8 15	12 15	4 15	5 15	10 45
7 17	10 17	1 17	7 17	6 17	Bradley's Creek	8 07	12 07	4 07	5 07	10 37
7 25	10 25	1 25	7 25	6 25	Wrightsville	8 00	12 00	4 00	5 00	10 30
7 30	10 30	1 30	7 30	6 30	Ocean View	7 55	11 55	3 55	4 55	10 25
8 45			8 45		Ocean View	6 40	11 45		3 40	

Upon request to the conductor.
Daily ex. Sunday. dec 27 tf

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WINTER SCHEDULE

Schedule in Effect Sunday, December 28.

OCEAN VIEW TO WILMINGTON. Arrive.

'Daily Except Sunday. Arrive. Trains Nos. 1, 5 and 9 will also carry passengers to Ocean View. Freight received at Ninth and Orange streets from 4 to 5 P. M.

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"I have some friends who are able to live at the Waldorf, and I go there to see them once or twice a month. But do I go in the cars? Never. I come down from home in the cars, but at Thirty-third street and Broadway I get out and interview a cabby at the stand there. I always pick out the nicest looking turnout, and I offer the driver 50 cents to drive me to the Waldorf. He looks at me as if I were daffy, but I tell him I know what I am about, and if he wants to earn 50 cents in about two minutes he has the opportunity.

"He smiles and tells me to get in, and I order him to drive up to the Thirty-third street entrance with a whirl and a dash. There are always two or three flunkies there, and it does make me feel too good for anything just to swing into the curb and have the crowd of them simply fall over themselves to wait on me and bow me in.

"It is all over in a very few seconds, but such exquisite pleasure as I get out of it couldn't, in the nature of mortal things, be of long continuance. The human system couldn't stand it."—New York Herald.

SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

Schedule in Effect Nov. 22

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington at 3.23 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5.46 P. M., Pembroke 6.10 P. M., Maxton 6.40 P. M., Hamlet 7.25 P. M., Charlotte 10.22 P. M.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5.0 1A. M., Hamlet at 8.25 A. M., arrives Maxton 9.10 A. M., Pembroke 9.45 A. M., Lumberton 10 08 A. M., Wilmington 12.20 noon.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET

Hamlet	9 45 p m	7.40 a m
Ar Monroe	11 21 a m	9.15 a m
Ar Charlotte	.....	10.35 a m
Ar Chester	12.51 a m	10.30 a m
Ar Greenwood	3.05 a m	12.27 p m
Ar Athens	2 52 a m	5 58 p m
Ar Atlanta	7.35 a m	4.00 p m

Close connection at Atlanta for Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans and all points in Texas, Mexico and California; also for Chattanooga, Nashville, Louisville, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Western and Northwestern points.

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET

Lv Hamlet	9 45 p m	7 35 a m
Ar Columbia	1 15 a m	11.30 a m
Ar Savannah	2 35 a m	4 55 p m
Ar Jacksonville	7 00 a m	9 15 p m
Ar Tampa	6.45 p m	6.00 a m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET

Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	7.50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.30 a m	11.10 a m
Ar Norlina	3.32 a m	1.25 p m
Ar Portsmouth	7.15 a m	5.35 p m
Ar Norfolk	.....	.....
Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	8.40 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 30 a m	11.45 a m
Ar Norlina	3.32 a m	1.35 a m
Ar Petersburg	5.53 a m	4.07 p m
Ar Richmond	6.35 a m	4.55 p m
Ar Washington	10.10 a m	8.30 p m
Ar Baltimore	11.25 a m	11.25 p m
Ar New York	4.15 p m	6.30 a m

Train 40 leaving Hamlet at 8.23 a. m. takes passengers from train 31, leaving New York at 12.35 p. m.; Baltimore at 5.45 p. m.; Washington 7.00 p. m.; Richmond 10.07 p. m.; Portsmouth 9 05 p. m.; Norfolk 8 30 p. m.; Raleigh 4.15 a. m., arriving at Hamlet at 7.00 a. m. From train 39 leaving Atlanta 1.00 p. m.; Athens 2.07 p. m.; Chester 4.15 a. m.; Charlotte 5.01 a. m.; Monroe 5.40 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 7.30 a. m.

From train 66 leaving Jacksonville 4.30 p. m.; Savannah 12.10 p. m.; Columbia 3.55 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 8.23 a. m.

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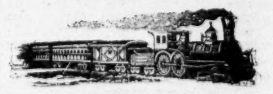
THE JEWELER,

27 South Front St.

dec 13 tf

Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.



To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS	GOING WEST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 33	Kinston	10 12	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	9 37	9 00
7 03	7 07	Morehead City	7 40	7 37
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.45 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 1.50 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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ONEIDA ..... Saturday, Dec. 27

From Wilmington for New York.

ONEIDA ..... Saturday, Dec. 20
CLYDE ..... Saturday, Dec. 27

From Wilmington for Georgetown.

CLYDE ..... Tuesday, Dec. 23
ONEIDA ..... Tuesday, Dec. 30

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING DEC. 31.

HOSTILITY AGAINST THE SULTAN OF MOROCCO.

City of Fez Surrounded by Rebels—Water Supply Cut Off—No Fear of International Complications.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from Tangier, Morocco, to-day announced that the rebels had cut the acqueduct which supplied Fez with water, and added that the city was now practically without water. It was further asserted that unless the Kabyleh tribesmen from the south come to the succor of Fez the place must surrender within three days.

The hostility against the Sultan is spreading in Fez. The Moors are exhibiting photographs of him arrayed in ridiculous garb. The Sultan yesterday assembled the nobles of the besieged town at the palace and exhorted them not to despair, assuring the chiefs that the imperial troops ultimately will triumph.

Great Britain and France have notified Spain that they have no intention of taking any advantage of the situation in Morocco and that they desire the maintenance of the *status quo*, even in the event of the Sultan being dethroned and his place taken by the pretender. The communications have reassured the Spanish government, which is thus relieved of fears of international complications.

TANGIER, MOROCCO, Dec. 30.—Foreigners in the interior of Morocco have been advised to make for the coast, as provisions are scarce and communications are almost closed. The pretender himself is reported to be twenty miles from Fez.

NORFOLK & WESTERN

Nicholas D. Maher to be General Superintendent—Salary $10,000

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ROANOKE, VA., Dec. 30.—General Superintendent J. C. Cassell, of the Norfolk and Western railroad, will be succeeded in that office on January 1, by Nicholas D. Maher, who at present is General Superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line.

Mr. Cassell was compelled to retire from the position on account of the state of his health and is now in Florida. He will remain with the Norfolk and Western and when he returns here he will become assistant to Vice President and General Manager L. E. Johnson.

Mr. Maher was division superintendent of the Norfolk and Western when, two years ago, he left that road to become general superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line. He comes back to the Norfolk and Western at a salary of $10,000 per annum.

RAILROAD MERGER.

Reported Consolidation of the Erie, Lehigh Valley and Reading.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The *Daily News* says:

"Early in the year J. P. Morgan & Co. will announce the consolidation of the Erie, Lehigh Valley and the Reading railroads. The merger will be planned after the manner of the Northern Securities Company, the stocks of the companies to be pooled and held as a basis for the issuance of a large amount of common shares which will take as their name the title to be given the consolidated companies."

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—J. P. Morgan denies that it was intended to consolidate the Erie, Lehigh Valley and Reading railroads. Mr. Morgan said: "There is not the slightest reason for such a story. It is altogether without foundation."

U. S. SUPREME COURT.

Justice Shiras to Retire—Taft May be His Successor.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Justice Shiras, of the United States Supreme Court, will retire some time during the present Winter. The date has not yet been fixed and cannot be until certain cases which have been argued and other cases which have been set for argument have been disposed of. Mr. Shiras, however, will retire during the present session of Congress in order that his successor may be confirmed before the adjournment. Among the names proposed is that of William H. Taft, civil governor of the Philippines.

CATTLE QUARANTINE.

Against a Number of States On Account of Texas Fever.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec 30—The secretary of agriculture has issued the annual order directing a quarantine against a number of Southern and Western States on account of the Southern or Texas fever. The quarantine against Texas and Oklahoma is made a month earlier this year, taking effect January 1, but it is not operative against the other States until February 1. Except in this respect the provisions of the order are identical with that in previous years. The prescribed territory includes Arkansas, Tennessee, Virginia and all States south of them.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25 cents, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

Anways Croup Syrup is pleasant to give baby; cures coughs, colds and croup. Guaranteed. The only remedy made for babies coughs exclusively. Don't risk the ordinary coughs cures, they are dangerous to give baby. Robt. R. Bellamy sells Anways.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

STILL WAITING CASTRO'S ANSWER

To Proposal of the Allies to Submit Venezuelan Dispute to The Hague Tribunal.

WASHINGTON HAS NO ADVICES

Cabinet Meeting Discussed the Situation. Hoped That Upon Receipt of President Castro's Reply Allies Will Agree to Raise Blockade.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—President Castro's answer to the allies' proposal to arbitrate the Venezuelan troubles has not been received. In fact, Secretary Hay had nothing of importance on the Venezuelan situation to communicate to the cabinet. There are, however, under discussion such questions as those relating to the best means of terminating the blockade and other matters touching the personnel of the commission, which it is expected will meet in Washington to lay down the lines of the arbitration scheme.

To day's meeting of the cabinet was brief, the session consuming less than an hour. Secretary Hay had little new to present to the cabinet on the Venezuelan question or upon other matters relating to foreign affairs. It is understood to be the hope and expectation of the President and his advisers that upon the receipt of President Castro's reply to the arbitration proposition, the allies will agree to raise the blockade established by them over Venezuelan ports. Such action, in the view of this government, would place the questions in controversy in excellent shape for arbitration.

The Asiatic Squadron.

The Navy Department has decided to divide the Asiatic squadron into three divisions, instead of two, as at present, and to send out another flag officer. The heavy battleships will be under the command of Rear-Admiral Evans, who also will be in general command of the entire squadron; the cruisers under the command of Admiral Cooper, who is to succeed Admiral Wilde, and a new division comprising the light gunboats will be created, under the command of Rear-Admiral Yates Sterling, now commandant of the Puget Sound navy yard. The latter will raise his flag on the gunboat Rainbow, and will have, perhaps, his general headquarters at Cavite.

Discrimination Against Americans.

CARACAS, Dec. 29.—United States Minister Bowen has received information that the Dutch steamer Prins Maurits has entered certain Venezuelan ports blockaded by the British fleet and discharged her cargo there. Special permission for the Dutch steamer to do this was obtained from Commodore Montgomerie, of the British cruiser Charybdis. The Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan ordered the Prins Maurits away from port, but Commodore Montgomerie directed that she continue to discharge her cargo. In Caracas this is considered to be a discrimination against American steamers, and the British commodore's action has been criticised.

Threat to Bombard a Town.

LONDON, December 31.—A dispatch to the *Daily Mail* from Willemsted, Curacao, dated yesterday, says:

"The postmaster of Maracaibo, Venezuela, having detained correspondence belonging to German merchants, the German cruiser Falke threatens in consequence to bombard the town."

CARACAS, December 30.—President Castro arrived here this morning at 3 o'clock. Minister Bowen called upon the President and communicated to him the recommendation that the issues between Venezuela and the allies be taken to the international peace court at The Hague. Venezuela's answer will be received to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The victory gained by the government at Barquisimeto argues for President Castro's continuance in power.

MISSIONARIES IN MOROCCO.

Americans Working Under Direction of the Gospel Union.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 30.—Eight missionaries who are working in Morocco under the direction of the Gospel Mission Union, whose headquarters are in Kansas City, are said to be in peril. At Fez are stationed Geo. C. Reed of Kansas City, formerly of Nebraska, secretary of the Morocco mission, and Mrs. Wellver, of Minnesota, Marie Carey, of Emporia, Kas., Irene Ward, Avoca, Ia., and Nellie Alson, of Alabama. Another party, now at Mequinez, is composed of F. C. Enyart, of Kansas City, and Victor Swanson, of Nebraska. This town is forty miles west of Fez.

Mr. Fisher believes that Christian missionaries would be slain if captured by the fanatical rebels.

OSSIFIED WOMEN.

Death of Miss Stella Ewing, at Rome, N. Y., Afflicted for Many Years.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ROME, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Miss Stella Ewing, one of the ossified women who for ten years have been living-wonders to physicians and scientists, died today, aged thirty-nine years. At an early age she was afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism which physicians failed to relieve. At the age of twenty-five she lost the use of her limbs and eminent specialists said she was gradually turning to stone. During the last ten years of her life Miss Ewing was blind; unable to move a muscle. A sister Mrs. Emma Ewing Palmer, is afflicted in the same manner.

COAL STRIKE COMMISSION.

Will Meet inP hiladelphia Next Tuesday to Continue Hearing.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—The attorneys who are representing the coal companies and the non-union mine workers before the anthracite coal strike commission, held a meeting at the Continental Hotel here to-day for the purpose of mapping out plans for the conduct of their side of the controversy before that body. The strike commission will meet here next Tuesday and the headquarters of the commission, as well as those of the miners and most of the lawyers will be at the Continental Hotel.

Signor Mascagni, the Italian composer, was arraigned in court in Chicago yesterday on a charge of embezzling $5,000 from his former manager, Richard Heard, of Boston. After hearing both sides Justice Hurley dismissed the case.

THE ELOPEMENT OF PRINCESS LOUISE.

King George of Saxony Has Ordered a Full Official Account to be Published.

Divorce Proceedings.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—King George of Saxony has ordered the preparation of a full official account of the elopement of the Crown Princess Louise and the circumstances leading up to it for the Saxon people, among whom the most fantastic stories are in circulation to the detriment of the royal house, especially with reference to the future king. The scandal is undermining, according to some opinions, the people's loyalty and respect for the throne. The dynasty being Catholic and the people Protestant, the affair is being utilized for sectarian controversy. The king's statement, doubtless, will follow the line indicated in the intimations supplied to the newspapers having court leanings, published to-day, affirming that the crown princess' sole reason for eloping was her relations with Prof. Giron, and that documentary proofs have been found showing that the elopement had long been in preparation. The stories of ill-treatment on the part of her husband, of oppressive court ceremonial and of her fettered existence are classed as inventions.

The crown princess' own account of the immediate cause of her flight from Salzberg, written to an intimate friend, presumably the Princess Therese of Bavaria, was telegraphed from Munich this morning. It says her father, the Grand Duke of Tuscany, intended to imprison his daughter either in a lunatic asylum or in an Italian convent. He had already consulted the court physician and several medical authorities in Vienna with the object of obtaining certificates warranting him in shutting her up. Her father, the crown princess adds, was giving her no time for deliberation. He demanded, first, that she be taken under guard to Dresden to apologize to the crown prince, and that she then choose between confinement in a convent or in a mad-house.

DRESDEN, SAXONY, Dec. 30.—King George has appointed a special court of seven judges to try the suit for divorce which the crown prince has decided to institute against the crown princess.

CONCERNING CORPORATIONS.

Capitalization and Publicity Discussed by Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, December 30.—The various sections of the American Association for the advancement of Science held largely attended meetings to-day, at which papers of a technical nature were read.

Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in his paper entitled, "Capitalization and Publicity," discussed the proposition that all corporations under congressional control be required to make full disclosures of their genesis and operations, so that it may be seen how the amount of money originally paid in, or the value of the assets at any time owned, compares with the par value of all bonds and stocks issued. Mr. Knapp said he ventured to doubt the soundness of the argument that publicity would prevent stock watering. He held it unproved that the excessive issue of corporate securities was a source of such danger as to excite public alarm, and said he was yet to be convinced that enforced publicity would not be a harmful exercise of public authority. He said in part:

"The justification for this proposal must be found, if found at all, in the theory that the State is charged with the duty of safe-guarding the investment of capital in corporate securities. To my mind this is a most serious proposition and I think we should long hesitate before embarking upon such a paternal venture. Leaving out the speculator and taking into account only those seeking honest investment, ten times more money, to say the least, has been sunk in farm mortgages, suburban lots, patent rights, buying and selling grain, cotton and other commodities, where no corporate shares were dealt in or ever existed than was ever lost on account of the fictitious or excessive issue of corporate securities. I cannot but regard corporate publicity of the kind and to the extent advocated by many, as a certain and serious hinderance to effective competition. Just as the Sherman anti-trust law, which is based upon an economic fallacy, has indirectly aided the very results it was designed to prevent, so the compulsory disclosure of all corporate transactions would undermine the competition it was intended to support. Bearing in mind how rapidly all kinds of business are assuming the corporate form, that the competition of individuals is fast disappearing, and that competition in the future will be mainly between corporations, it seems plain to me that the enforcement of corporate publicity would be an added incentive to industrial combination."

In a paper on the necessity of organization among employers, David M. Parry declared that as yet organized capital has no perfect definition, but its meaning is slowly beginning to take form. Organized capital, he said, should mean a combination of the interests of men who share practically the same views as to the administration of their businesses. He continued:

"When capital is thoroughly organized, then will come the almost complete disappearance of the strike and the boycott, for they are but systematic manifestations of social disease growing out of imperfect organization. When organized employers and employes can sit down together then may be taken up trade disputes and other matters affecting their mutual interests and these may be disposed of in an intelligent, orderly and scientific manner. As there is no national federation of employers at present, necessity demands the immediate creation of one."

DEAL CONSUMMATED.

Frank J. Gould Obtains Control of Virginia Passenger and Power Co.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Announcement was made here to-day that Frank J. Gould has obtained control of the Virginia Passengerjand Power Company, which operates a traction system in Richmond, Va. The company has 122 miles of track in Richmond, Manchester and Petersburg, including an electric line twenty-two miles long between Manchester and Petersburg. The deal was consummated through the Merchants Trust Company, of this city, which is to be the fiscal agent and depository of the company's funds.

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LONE ROBBER'S BOLD ATTEMPT.

To Hold Up an Express Train on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

SECURED BUT LITTLE BOOTY.

Robbed the Pullman Car Conductor and One Passenger—Attacked the Conductor of the Train—Was Fired at But Escaped.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 30.—A bold attempt was made by a lone robber to hold up the New Orleans and Cincinnati north bound express of the Louisville and Nashville railroad as the train was entering South Louisville this morning at 2:30. The highwayman secured but little booty and is believed to have been shot by the conductor, J. D. Keene.

Keene was going through the sleeper in which were the porter, the Pullman conductor and one passenger, J. E. Moore. A masked man sprang at Keene from a dark corner and commanded him to throw up his hands. Keene, instead, grappled with the intruder. A bullet from the robber's pistol stunned him and the highwayman pulled the signal cord. While the train was slowing down, he robbed the Pullman conductor and Mr. Moore, securing $25 from the latter. As the train stopped the robber left the car. Conductor Keene meanwhile had recovered his senses and having secured a Winchester, left the train in pursuit of his assailant. He fired several shots at the latter and after one of them the robber uttered a cry of pain. Keene believes that his shot went through him.

Conductor Keene was removed to a hospital. His wound, however, is not serious. He is said to be the strongest man in Louisville, and at one time national champion in several amateur athletic classes. No trace of the robber whom Keene declares he shot, had been found up to noon.

The statements of Conductor Keene and Pullman Conductor Redford are positive that but one man was concerned in the robbery. The train crew say the robber got on the train at Lebanon Junction, but they put him off at the next station and did not know he had caught the last car.

TRADE WITH CHINESE PORTS

China Commercial Steamship Company Seeking a Terminal Point for Their Line on the Pacific Coast.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 30.—President Eng Hok Fong and Vice President Ming, of the China Commercial Steamship Company, are here from Hong Kong, accompanied by Lyman Mowery, of San Francisco. The purpose of their visit is to see by personal investigation what port on the Pacific coast is best adapted for a terminal point for their steamship line. They will leave in a few days for Manzanillo, Acapulo and other west coast points. The steamship representatives say: "Between Mexico and the East we are convinced that we can work up a tremendous business."

The railways have made a large reduction in freight rates on wheat from the United States in accordance with the request of the government. This reduction goes into effect New Year's day and will encourage importations from the United States. The rate is cut down from the border to this city from $24 per ton to $14. Last year 865 carlo ds of wheat were shipped from the United States to this country, and a larger amount is expected this year.

FIGHTING IN VENEZUELA.

Revolutionists Defeated in Engagements With Government Forces After Hard Fighting—Towns Recaptured.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA, Dec. 29.—Barquisimeto, capital of the State of Lara, which for some time past has been in possession of the Venezuelan revolutionists, has been recaptured by government forces. The towns of San Carlos and Tinaquillo have also been reoccupied by the government.

The revolutionists at Barquisimeto were under the command of Generals Salagnie and Penaloza. They evacuated the town after losing 113 men killed and 325 wounded. There was hard fighting in the streets and suburbs of Barquisimeto for two days. The government forces were commanded by General Ceferino Castillo.

It now transpires that President Castro's recent visit to La Victoria was not of a social nature, as reported here, but for the purpose of conducting personally by telegraph the operations of his forces at Barquisimeto. This victory for the government appears to be a direct result of the president's initiative. It has been a most severe blow for the revolutionists.

COMMITIED SUICIDE.

S. J. Dickens, Local Agent at Fernandina, Fla., of a Norfolk Company.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FERNANDINA, FLA., December 30.—S. J. Dickens, local agent of the L. B. Price Mercantile Company of Norfolk, Va., died at 4 o'clock this morning from the effects of morphine, taken with suicidal intent. He went into a saloon last evening and called for a drink of whiskey, saying he wished to take a dose of quinine. After swallowing the mixture he announced that he had taken morphine and told all good-bye. Medical aid could not save him.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Marked Decrease in the Disease at Mazatlan, Mexico.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LAREDO, TEXAS, Dec. 30.—A Mazatlan dispatch says:

Confidence is being restored among the inhabitants of the city and less fear is felt on account of the supposed plague epidemic. There has been a marked decrease in the disease and few new cases are reported. The energetic measures taken by the authorities to stamp out the epidemic have given excellent results. There have been only a few deaths in addition to those already reported.

Fire at Wharton, Texas, destroyed a block of frame and brick business houses, causing a loss estimated at $60,000. Fifteen firms were put out of business.

A MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR.

Remains of John Rogers, a Policeman, Found Near Virgilina, on the N. & W. R. R, by a Party of Hunters

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 30.—A special to the *Observer* from Durham, N. C., says:

News reached here to-night that the remains of John Rogers, a policeman, who disappeared from his home at Virgilina, on the Norfolk and Western road, some eight weeks ago, were found near that station on Saturday by a party of hunters. The body was so badly decomposed that recognition was only possible by the watch and clothes of the deceased.

The story told to-night is that about eight weeks ago a negro was killed in Virgilina. His body was found in the early morning, and with the finding of the body Officer John Rogers disappeared. It was generally supposed that Rogers killed him. Rogers had money in the bank and it was found that this had been taken from deposit. Later, the members of his family received a letter stating that Rogers had gone to Asheville, N. C., and that he would not write again, but for them not to be uneasy. This prevented uneasiness on the part of the family until the dead body was found by hunters.

The supposition is that Rogers killed the negro, drew his money and attempted to get out of the country, but that he was run down by the friends of the dead negro, killed and then robbed.

Rogers it is said, was engaged to a well known young lady in the community. The whole matter is wrapped in mystery. This story is told by prominent citizens living in that section. It is impossible to verify it tonight on account of there being no telegraph or telephone connections there.

FIRE AT BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Seventh Day Adventists' Big Building Destroyed—One of the Employes Missing—The Loss $350,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DETROIT, MICH., Dec. 30.—A *Tribune* special from Battle Creek, Mich., says:

In the total destruction to-night of the big building occupied by the Review and Herald Publishing Company, the Seventh Day Adventist colony is brought face to face with a second heavy loss by fire within a year, the Adventist sanitarium having been burned down only last February. To-night's loss is estimated by officials of the Review and Herald Company at $350,000, with insurance amounting to $150,000.

The fire was discovered at 7:30 P. M., when only twenty-five of the 375 employes were at work. One of the twenty-five has not been accounted for at a late hour to-night, but the others got out by way of fire-escapes, the stairway from the book room in which they were working being already in flames when their first warning came in the form of choking clouds of smoke.

When the fire department arrived the only thing that could be done was to fight for the safety of adjoining buildings. J. H. Watson, a billing clerk, was seriously injured while saving books and valuable papers in the office.

The fire is supposed to have originated in spontaneous combustion in a pile of rags in the press room.

TOBACCO GROWERS.

A Combination Formed in Kentucky to Fight the Tobacco Trust.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 30.—The State executive committee of the Kentucky Tobacco Growers' Association met here to-night and appointed a committee to draft articles of incorporation for approval at the next meeting at Louisville, January 29. This association proposes to fight the so-called Tobacco Trust, buying the leaf from the grower. Before incorporation it is necessary that forty thousand growers become members. It was stated to-night that this number would be signed before the meeting on January 29th. Organizations have been formed in almost every county in the State and in many counties of Ohio and Indiana. The association is a tri-state affair and pertains to the White Burley district. The capital stock will be $1,000,000.

WARM WIRELETS.

W. S. Canwright, of Detroit, Mich., who has been touring Florida in company with his wife, stepped from a moving train near Leesburg, Fla., and was seriously injured.

A dispatch received at the Navy Department reports an outbreak of diphtheria on board the United States training ship Buffalo, at Pensacola. Two of the boys died of the disease.

John Hunnicut and Robert Jolly, both about 14 years of age, were drowned yesterday afternoon by falling through thin ice on a pond on which they were skating, at Knoxville, Tenn.

Vice President J. L. Harahan, of the Illinois Central, authorizes the statement that arrangements have been closed for the double-tracking of the main line of the Illinois Central from Memphis to Fulton, Ky., a distance of 122 miles.

John H. Fimple, of Carrollton, O., has been selected as assistant commissioner of the general land office, to succeed ex-Governor W. A. Richards, who has been selected to succeed Binger Hermann, of Oregon, as commissioner.

In a head-on collision on the Pennsylvania railroad, one and a half miles west of West Middlesex, Pa., the engineer of the passenger train, Neal Daugherty, of Erie, was killed, four others were seriously injured and almost a score hurt.

With solemn pontifical high mass the services which concluded the golden jubilee of the Passionist Fathers of the United States, at Pittsburg, Pa., were begun yesterday. The Rt. Rev. Leo Haid, O. S. B. D. D., vicar apostolic of North Carolina, was celebrant. The services ended with vespers.

David Lee, Andrew Howard and Burton Bates, colored, sentenced to be hanged next Friday were yesterday respited until January 21st by Governor Jelks, of Alabama. The citizens of Autauga county, in opposing the respite charged that the three negroes were members of a band which had conspired to burn houses and kill white people near Mulberry.

In the wreck of a through Chicago-Louisville freight train on the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville railroad (Monon), at Quincy, Ind., Engineer Albert S. Barker, Fireman Jos. J. Foglin and Brakeman Hiram Perry were killed. A switch lock had been broken, supposedly by tramps, and the switch turned.

SUFFOLK & CAROLINA.

A Stock Dividend of One Hundred Per Cent. Declared.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 30.—The Suffolk and Carolina Railroad Company has declared a stock dividend of 100 per cent. for the year 1902. The present capital stock of the company is $400,000. This railroad is entirely owned by Baltimore capitalists, and runs from Suffolk, Va., to Edenton, N. C., on the Chowan river, a tributary of Albemarle sound. An extension now being built will carry the road to Elizabeth City, on the Pasquotank river.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 30 cents. Terms positively cash in advance.

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Mechanics Home Association opens a new series of Building and Loan stock twice a year (January and July). The 25th series will be opened January 3rd, 1903 Payments 25 cents a share per week. N. Jacobi, President W. M. Cumming, Secretary. we fr sa dec 20 14t

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Notice—The tug-boat LaChiquita having been sold by J. L. Russ to Peter Simpson, all persons having claims against said boat will present them to me within thirty days from the date of this notice. This the 18th day of December, 1902. Robert G. Grady. dec 19 30t

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